

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.3499**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Nurse's Working Hours		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditure or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill would amend the Code of Laws to require a hospital that schedules a nurse employee to work a specific number of hours in a shift to compensate the nurse for any reduction in hours that occur within twenty-four hours of when the shift begins.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

Enactment of this Bill would have no direct impact on the General Fund of the State. MUSC estimates the costs associated with this Bill could be estimated at \$3 million annually. This estimate is based on annualizing the actual number of shift hours that have been called off during the first 7 months of FY 2008-09 (75,000 hrs) x average nursing hourly rate including benefits (\$40). MUSC averages 520 inpatients per day on 37 nursing units with each unit staffed according to the number of patients. MUSC's Federal and Other funds expenditures for FY 2007-08 totaled over \$410 million.

Department of Mental Health

The Department indicates this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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